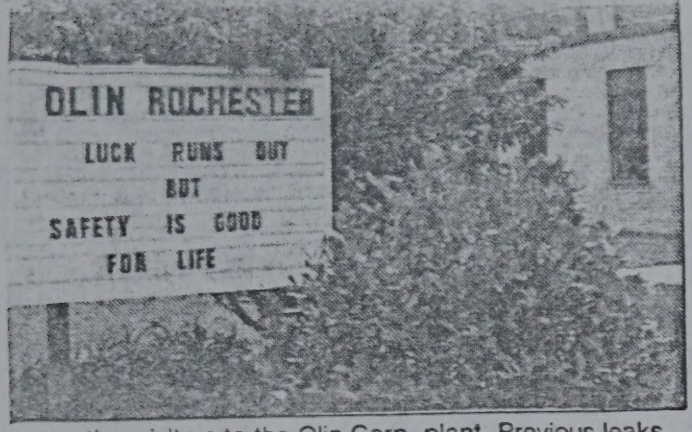

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PCMM, an intermediary chemical used in the production a fungicide, can be absorbed through the skin or inhaled, d Will Jones, senior public health engineer at the Monroe unty Health Department.

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McWalters proposes spending $177,541

By Mary Holleran
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Responding to a task force report that cited needs of Hispanic students, Superintendent Peter J. McWalters is recommending $177,541 be spent to hire two new, bilingual administrators, and start an early intervention pilot project and a study of Hispanic-Puerto Rican curriculum.

McWalters last night shared these proposals with the Rochester school board after it discussed for nearly five hours each of the more than 60 recommendations made by the 70-member Hispanic Studies Project Task Force. Its 151-page report was issued in early June.

The report found most Hispanic students were enrolled in non-Regents courses, scored poorly on tests and had a high dropout rate. It also said the district

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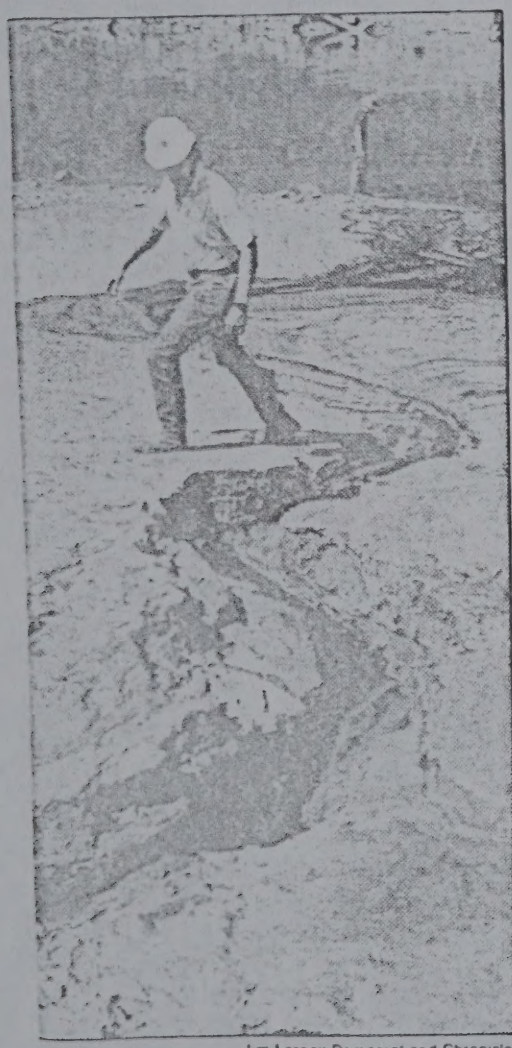

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Breast-baring women argue constitutionality of law in City Court

By John O'Brien
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Seven women arrested last month at Cobbs Hill Park yesterday officially made a federal case out of their right to bare their breasts.

The women's lawyers filed motions in City Court asking that their charges of exposure of a person be dismissed on the grounds that the state law violates amendments to both state and federal constitutions.

The motions marked the first time the women, who were arrested June 21 after taking off their shirts at Cobbs Hill Park, challenged in court the ban against women in New York going topless in public.

The motions were filed with City Judge Herman J. Walz Jr. by the women's lawyers, Assistant Public Defender Lawrence L. Kasperek and David R. Moss, who was obtained through the American Civil Liberties Union.

The state law "is purposely designed to make unlawful the exposure of only a female's breasts. . . Such an arbitrary, systematic course of discrimination. . . constitutes a denial of equal protection by favoring the actions of one class — males — over another, females," wrote Kasperek, who represents the organizer of the group, Ramona Santorelli, 28, of Rochester.

Five of the other women are represented by Moss, and a seventh defendant, Mary Lou Schoss, 38, of Rochester, is representing herself.

Kasperek and Moss argued that the state law violates equal protection amendments to the state and federal constitutions, which prohibit discrimination between the sexes without good reason.

They also claimed the law is in violation of free speech amendments of both constitutions, arguing that the law restrains "the free dissemination of information, communication and ideas, and penalizes only women who bear their breasts, but not men, in the exercise of such liberty."

District Attorney Howard R. Relin said his office will oppose the women's motions.

Both sides said they will appeal Walz's decision on the constitutionality if it favors the other side. The case would next be appealed to county court.

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